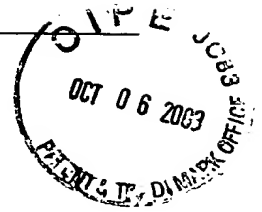


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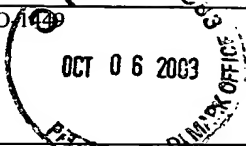
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		3,956,186	May 11, 1976	Iwase et al.		
		6,171,573	Jan. 9, 2001	Sato		
		5,607,885	Mar. 4, 1997	Ichii et al.		
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		5,346,722	Sep. 13, 1994	Beauseigneur et al.		
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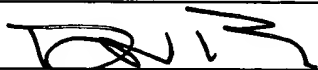
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